

very similar in appearance to what has been previously introduced into the United States as the Trinidad dasheen. The quality of the specimens received is excellent." (R. A. Young.)

Dioscorea sp. (Dioscoreaceae), 46801. **Yam.** Tubers grown at the Plant Introduction Field Station, Miami, Florida. "A very prolific, white-fleshed yam, obtained in the spring of 1918 by Dr. David Fairchild from Prof. C. T. Simpson, Lemon City, Florida. It is supposed to have come previously from the West Indies. The skin is without coloration, and the flesh remains almost snowy white when cooked. As compared with most other yams, it is very dry. It is well adapted for baking and for boiling and mashing; the mashing should be very thorough. Mashed yam becomes stiff upon cooling and therefore should be served hot. It is best to peel yams before boiling." (R. A. Young.)

Jatropha sp. (Euphorbiaceae), 46862. **Chaya de Mexico.** From Cuba. Cuttings presented by Mr. Mario Calvino, Director, Agricultural Experiment Station, Santiago de las Vegas. The leaves are edible. The following is the result of an analysis of them made at our Station during the rainy season:

Moisture	74.00 per cent
Protein	0.94 per cent
Ether extract	0.20 per cent
Carbohydrates	20.71 per cent
Crude fiber	2.25 per cent
Ash	1.90 per cent.

(Notes and analysis from letter of Dr. Calvino.)

Livistona altissima (Phoenicaceae), 46861. **Palm.** From Buitenzorg, Java. Presented by the Director, Botanic Gardens. A graceful palm with a trunk about 8 inches in diameter and often 80 feet tall, and bearing globose fruits the size of small cherries. The natives value the exceedingly hard wood very highly and use it especially for rafters which often last for three generations. (Adapted from Zollinger, *Natuurkundig Tijdschrift voor Nederlandsch Indie*, vol. 14, p. 150.)

Lobelia erinus microdon (Lobeliaceae), 46808. **Lobelia.** From Johannesburg, South Africa. Seed presented by Mr. J. Burt-Davy, Agricultural Supply Association. "An ornamental annual, entirely different in habit from